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	Examiner Chuong D Ngo	Art Unit 2124	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2001.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 8-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 15-21 recite a machine-readable medium having codes that merely describe an integrated circuit. The claimed machine-readable medium *pers se* is clearly a non-functional descriptive material, and thus is non-statutory subject matter.

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 8-14 and 22-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in

the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, the invention disclosed in the specification is to independently modify the components (I and Q) of a signal to adjusting amplitude and/or phase imbalances in the signal. The disclose invention does not independently adjusting the amplitude and/or phase imbalances as claimed.

6. Claims 8-14,16 and 22-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 8, the recitations “independently adjusting the amplitude and/or phase”, line 1, “to multiply with said amplitude and/or phase values”, line 2, are misdescriptive. Claims 13 and 22 also have the same problems.

As per claim 16, the recitation “the machine-readable medium … comprising … adders” is indefinite.

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

8. Claims 1-4,8,9,11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Koslov (6,044,112).

Koslov discloses in figure 6A and 6B a complex multiplier for adjusting phase and gain imbalances in a signal having a first set of multiplication units (532), a second set of multiplication units (530), and adder (534), phase compensation logic (516), and gain compensation logic (514), wherein the coefficients are clearly independently modifiable, and the amplitude and/or phase in the signal are independently adjusted as claimed.

9. Claims 1,3,4,8-10 and 13-15,17,18 and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Nara et al (6,340,883).

As per claims 1,3,4,8-10 and 13-15,17 and 18 Nara et al discloses in figures 5 and 6 a complex multiplier for adjusting phase and gain imbalances in a signal having a first set of multiplication units (34), a second set of multiplication units (33,35), phase compensation logic and gain compensation logic (26), wherein the coefficients are clearly independently modifiable, the amplitude and/or phase in the signal are clearly independently adjusted, and the

multiplication is performed after a fast-Fourier is transformed on the signal as claimed (see col. 4, lines 19-58).

As per claims 8-12, and 22-26, Nara et al also discloses in col. 5, line 40 through col. 6, lines 63, the performing FFT (col. 6,lines 33-35), independently control gain (by K) and/or phase (by P) (col. 6,lines 21-23), and performing inverse FFT (col. 6,lines 36-39) as claimed.

10. Claims 5-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D Ngo whose telephone number is (703) 305-9764. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (703) 309-9662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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